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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To get the year 1972 off to a good start, the membership, relatives and friends are invited to a social hour at the Shaw Mansion on Sunday, January 2, from 4 - 6 P.M. Cocktails, coffee and various edibles will be served. Do plan to come without fail.

HELP FROM A BOY SCOUT

Early this summer, Mark Basilica of New London, got in touch with the curator to see what financial problem he could solve, as his work towards obtaining his Eagle Badge. It was finally decided that the fee for our consultant architect in the restoration of the Mansion would be the most welcome, inasmuch as that is a continuing problem. He worked all summer with cake sales, yard sale, washing cars, mowing lawns, and in October brought to the curator a check for $100, which will take care of Mr. Carter's next bill.

CUSTODIANS

We were saddened at the rather sudden death of Mr. Hamel, husband of our resident custodian, in November. We are fortunate that Mrs. Hamel has expressed her wish to stay, for she would be greatly missed. Hopefully we will be able to find a man to take care of the duties of Mr. Hamel, as they arise.

BEST LAID PLANS OF MEN

We really thought the masonry work necessary to complete the restoration of the Shaw bedroom and to restore the drawing-room fireplace would have been completed by now. There is some progress for tiles to face the bedroom fireplace have been obtained, but as of the moment, that is all. The mason has been the problem, but he should be available by next week or so.

HINTS FOR THE COMING HOLIDAYS

To prevent one from getting intoxicated with drinking: Take white cabbages, and four pomegranate's juices, two ounces of each, with one of vinegar. Boil all together for some time to the consistence of a syrup. Take one ounce of this before you are going to drink, and drink afterwards as much, and as long as you please.

A method of making people drunk, without endangering their health; Infuse some aloe wood, which comes from India, in a glass of wine, and give it to drink. The person who drinks it will soon give signes of his intoxication.

To recover a person from intoxication: Make such a person drink a glass of vinegar, or some cabbage-juice, other-wise give him some honey. You may likewise meet with some success by giving the patient a glass of wine quite warm to drink, or a dish of strong coffee, without milk or sugar, adding to it a large teaspoonful of salt.

All above from "Valuable Secrets", 1795.

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From DIARY OF CHRISTOPHER BROWN (continuted)

Friday ye 9th. They can no longer suply us with beer but we have grog twice in a day and we hear that all our men on bord ye prison ship is sick but only one of them is well and we see the inhabitants on the shore harvesting there English grain in our sight and we hear from our men on board the prison ship and understand that Guy Palms our amory is dead and Jasper Smith and Wm. Howard has made there escape and gone hom... Monday ye 12th. We have a pint of grog a day which is a great help to us and we have been hear so long that it does not seem to us as tho we were among our enemies. The fleet has come in that went upon Expedition and we hear that have destroyed 4 towns betwixt hear and New London but did no reach New London and they would not let the Carels that came here some time ago return til the Expedition was over and it is over. Were in hope of returning home in these cartels soon and we have nothing to eat this day but poor bread and oil 4 lb of bread for six of us a day. Tuesday the 13th. this afternoon we had orders to pack up our things in order to go on board the cartel which lies now in the North Rivery by the Prison Ship but we look for it every minit. Friday ye 16th. This day both cartels sailed out at the hook... and we are left behind and are greatly deceivd about our going. They think we have not suffered enough yet to return home for there has 40 prisoners died on bord ye Good Hope since we have been hear. Lords Day ye 18th. They talk of putting a part of us on bord ye Prison Ship for being so bold and easy to there officers and daming King George before their faces. Tuesday ye 20th. The Schooner Sally ran afoul of us and cut away my shirts and trowsis as they was hanging out of the Port a soaking in order for to wash and I am afraid I shall be naked if we stay hear much longer. Lords Day ye 25th. This morning they mised some of our men and we was all called up on the quarter deck to answer to our names and there was five absence 3 of which took a boat along side and went off last night. And then at noon while we was at dinner orders came to pack up our things in order to go on bord ye Good Hope...but when we came on board a good many there was aquainted with that was taken in Revenooers from New London and great pleasur to hear from home but now God only knows what will become of us for we are in close confinement. Thursday ye 5th (August) This day the Brig Nancy was brought in hear taken by the Gray Hound frigate. Friday ye 6th this day the Prisoners that was

taken in the Brig Nancy was brought on board hear and a good may acquantances. they told that they came from NLondon and thank God for the pleasure to hear from home tho I was sorry to see my acquantiances on bord this sickly ship. Satd ye 7th. We are very thick on bord and the weather is very hott. Ye 8th This day I am very much not well. Ye 12th Thursday. This day I am so week that I canot keept this account of time no longer. Munday ye 6th of September. This day by the goodness of God the unexpected to me. I am able to mention where i am now on bord the hospittle ship Kitty and was brought hear the 15th of August and hear remained til now. I begin to consider my situation which is almost enough to break my hart and every day seems a year to me and to see but 5 Americans hear and two of them we cant expect will live to see another day they are so poor this moring. I went on shore upon Governors Island to bury one of my best friends and every thing seems heavy to my grief and to see the poor men som ly a diing and some beging and some a crying and some a groaning thos thos they were Frenchmen. I can but pitty them. Our men that was taken in the Oliver Cromwell were all exchanged and gone home but myself and one poor Indian which is not able to help himself out of his cabbin and one poor Frenchman now lies dead upon deck... I have the libberty of the doctor to go this afternoon back on bord ye Good Hope where i am in hopes to find some Americans to comfort me. Wensday ye 8th. I drunk a dram & eat some beef and a piece of pudding yesteday which brought the feever upon me last night and I am but poorly today but there is a flag which came from NLondon and dropt anchor under our stern this afternoon which gives me great encouragement of my return. This day there was a schooner of 10 guns and 40 men from Philadelphia taken and brot in here. Friday ye 10th. This day 31 of us were put on bord ye cartel and such a day I never saw before for gladness to think that we are to be redeemd out of the hands of our enemies and to return again to our friends. We cam round into the east river and there was ordered by the ship Jersey to drop anchor and ly til Morning. Saturday yellth. Before sunrise we weighted our anchor and came through Hell gate and had a good breathe of wind and at 12 oclock at night we was alongside the wharf in New London and taried there til morning Lords Day ye 12 of September about 3 oclock in the morning I was at my Fathers house but was in poor state of health being so week that I cold hardly walk. The End.

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ACCESSIONS

Sheraton mirror)
Sheraton fancy chair) Gift of Joseph Burbeck, West Islip, N.Y.
Mahogany candlestand)
Oil painting of the ship "The President" - bequest of Miss Elizabeth Chadwick Ely, Lyme
Rohrback Genealogy by L.B.Rohrbaugh - Gift of author
James Ludden & Descendants, Wallace Ludden compiler. 1970. Bought by Soc.
Descendants of Noah Whipple. 1971. Bought by Society
Loring Genealogy, by Edward P. Loring, 1971. Bought by Society.
Oriental rug, 7' x 9'. Bought by Society.

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